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SUBJ.: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

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1. IN ABSENCE OF CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT (AND FOREIGN MINISTER) KIEBER, WHO HAS BEEN OUT OF LIECHTENSTEIN FOR THE PAST WEEK, DEMARCHE ON PRG ISSUE WAS MADE TO KIEBER' S PERSONAL ASSISTANT AND GOL RESSORTSEKRETARE DR. HERBERT WILLE.

2. AS WILLE WAS NOT VERY WELL INFORMED ON THE MATTER, THE ISSUE WAS PRESENTED IN DETAIL AND HE WAS GIVEN THE TEXT OF THE U.S. NOTE TO MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM (STATE 14506) AND AN ADDITIONAL COPY OF THE U.S. NOTE TO ICRC DELIVERED BEFORE THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE LAST YEAR (STATE 112467).

3. IN ADDITION TO THESE POINTS, WE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT LIECH -

ENSTEIN MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE APART FROM THE SWISS, SINCE SWISS ABSTENTION DURING THE FIRST SESSION AND POSSIBLE ABSTEN-
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TION SHOULD THE ISSUE COME UP AGAIN ARE BASED AT LEAST PARTLY ON THE

FACT THAT THE CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD IN SWITZERLAND AND AS HOSTS, THE SWISS ARE RELUCTANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN CONTROVERSY OVER PARTICIPATION.

4. WILLE WAS NON-COMMITAL IN REPLYING INDICATING THAT IT IS STILL NOT EVEN CERTAIN THAT A LIECHTENSTEIN DELEGATE WILL ATTEND THE SECOND SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. HE ADDED THAT OUR VIEWS WOULD BE CAREFULLY STUDIED BY THE GOL AND THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY PRESENT THEM TO DR. KIEBER ON HIS RETURN TO VADUZ LATER IN THE WEEK.

5. I STRESSED THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT THE GOL MIGHT HAVE PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE AND THAT IF LIECHTENSTEIN SENDS A REPRESENTATIVE TO GENEVA, HE SHOULD FEEL FREE TO CONTACT OUR DELEGATION WITH ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS OR OTHER MATTERS. NELSON

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